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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK AS TOLD AROUND TOWN

Miss Nora Linton of Portland, Oregon, spent the week end at Belvoir.

Mrs. Anna Baldwin Kientz visited with relatives last week in Oakland

Miss Myrtle MacPherson spent Saturday and Sunday in Irvington as the guest of Mrs. Boderick.

Mrs. A. B. Harley of Newark has been visiting over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Mosher.

Miss Vivian Salter has been at home the past week suffering from a badly wrenched ankle.

Mrs. John Dassel has returned home after a week's visit with her foster sister Miss Campbell of Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ireland of Oakland with their two children spent a day recentl with Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth

Mrs. Harley has been occupying rooms in Berkeley and San Francisco during the past summer and enjoying the Exposition.

The flashes of lightning and thunder peals came as a surprise to Niles people on Tuesday night, after the intense heat of several previous days.

Messrs. Will Richardson of Berkeley and his brother Frank Richardson of Belmont were at Belvoir over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Williams and Mr. D. F Lowe of Tassajara motored to Niles last Tuesday to visit Mr and Mrs. F. V. Jones.

Miss Gwendoin Jones of Hayward was a guest last week at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Jones.

Albert Oliver returned last Sunday to his school work in Oakland after spending his summer vacation with his grand mother, Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth

Mr. Myron Harris, deputy District Attorney, is returned from his vacation and is ready to take up the prosecution of the "speed burners" in this district again.

Ronald Hunt and Edward Ellsworth who completed the high school course this year have entered U. C. at Berkeley, and are enjoying their work. Ronald will enter the agricultural course and Edward plans taking up a law course.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple and little daughter who have been living in Niles for the past year left last week to make their home again in the Eastern states. They made the trip by Portland and the Northern Pacific railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipley of Fruitvale motored to Niles last Sunday in their new Maxwell machine and called at the home of their sister, Mrs. Sneden. Mr. and Mrs. Shipley will spend a week's vacation soon in Niles and take many a spin over the surrounding country.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shinn accompanied by their two sons left Tuesday p. m. for a two or three weeks camping trip in the Hetch Hetchy country, and the Tuolumne Meadows. They were to spend Tuesday night in Stockton where they would be joined by Miss Martha Sanford for the trip.

FATHER MACKEY TRANSFERED

Father Mackey, who has had charge of the parish at Mission San Jose for many years, past, has been transferred to West Berkeley. Father O'Connell will have charge of the Mission from now on.

Decoto

School reopened last Monday after a two weeks vacation. Miss May Jackson, formerly the teacher in the primary class, resumed her former position. Miss Izabel Whipple has accepted a position in the Sacramento school department and began her work last Monday.

County Surveyor P. I. Haviland attended a meeting of the Decoto School trustees last Tuesday at which plans for the installation of a modern septic tank system was discussed. The trustees hope to have the plans for the new work ready at once.

The California Brick Co. is shipping a large number of brick to San Francisco for use by the city . Under the management of Mr. Myers the plant is turning out a lot of very satisfactory brick. Mr. Dickie and Mr. Penfield who are largely interested in the plant were greatly pleased as a result of their recent visit.

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Mr. Wayne Youngman was a visitor in Niles this week.

Miss Florence Sharpe is visiting with her mother in Piedmont.

Miss Frances Yeater from Sedalia, Missouri, is spending a month at Belvoir.

Mrs. DeVer McLaren of Oakland is a guest for the week of Miss Edna Sharpe.

Miss Florence Sharpe is spending this week with her mother in Oakland.

Mrs. M. B. Stedman of San Francisco visited last week with her daughter, Mrs. Sneden.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Duffey were guests at the Whitfield home in the Mission Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Chittenden with he rguest, Mrs. Ada Hutchins, of Oakland, visited Mrs. Nash at the Masonic Home on Tuesday.

Miss Dahlia Spencer, teahcer of chemistry at the Union High School, Centerville, is making her home again with Mrs. Chittenden.

Mrs. Richard Gorrill of Oakland with a party of six lady friends, came up by auto and had lunch at Belvoir on Monday.

Mr. Archibald Rice of Stanford, class of '95, has been stopping at Belvoir for a week. He is now a contributor to the College and S. F. papers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Smith with the Misses Smith of Lodi stopped for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Jones last Monday, as they were motoring from Lodi to Santa Cruz.

Mrs. Robert Price and daughter Harriet left on Wednesday for their home in Reno. Miss Price had been with her mother, Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth a couple of weeks since returning from her trip inti the mountains with the Sierra Club.

Mrs. Walpert and daughter May visited last Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Mendell of Berkeley. The occasion was a birthday party for Miss Elizabeth Mendell on Saturday when sixteen young ladies came as guests to celebrate the day.

Mr. Raymond Ingram formerly of Irvington and who has many friends in the township, writes to friends in Niles of a successful year at ranching at Gaviota on the coast line of R. R. and of bumper crops of beans and walnuts.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martensetin while returning t their home in Niles Tuesday evening in their auto were caught in a violent thunder storm, between Hayward and Decoto and received a thorough drenching before the machine cover could be raised.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore entertained a number of their friends Tuesday evening celebrating their 22nd anniversary. A most enjoyable evening was spent in whist playing, after which a supper w asserved. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Okeshott, Mr. and Mrs. L. Duffey, Mr. and Mrs. N. Alberg, Mrs. Roland, Mr. Brown and Mr. Falyn.

Newark

Mrs. Joseph Dias is spending a few weeks vacation in San Francisco at the Fair.

Miss Edith Frietas entertained visitors from Oakland last week.

Miss Louise Costa and Mrs. J. Silva motored to the city Monday.

More tahn a score of young folks enjoyed a delightful evening last Tuesday at a joint birthday party given by Mrs. Francis, in honor of the 18th birthday of Miss Edith Freitas and the 22nd natal day of Manuel Francis.

Many games were played during the evening and the guests were entertained with vocal and instrumental selections rendered by Miss Emily Santos, Miss E. Wisman and Mr. Meyers.

At midnight a dainty supper was served. Among those present were Misses E. Wisman, Geneva Freitas, Helen Caldera, Maria Nunez, Delphine Francis, Emily Santos, and Edith Freitas, Messrs. Wm. Paise, Bud Wales, Chas. Meyers, Frank Silva, Tony Santos, Fred Dias and Manuel Francis.

Associated C of C Held Meeting Wednesday

The regular monthyl meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce was held last Wednesday night at Decoto. President Jones called the meeting to order at 8:45 with a majority of the local Township chambers represented. On calling the roll it was found that those chambers represented were Niles, Centerville, Irvington, Alvarado and Decoto.

The minutes of the previous meeting, which was held at Centerville, were read and approved. Then under a special order of business, resolutions of respect and sympathy anent the death of the late Henry Lachman were read and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Under the head of reports of committees, the Transportation Committee reported that they were trying to secure a special train to handle the crowds that were going to San Francisco on September 9, Admission Day. The road committee reported that the roads were in fairly good condition and that the work of repairing them was going on all over the Township. Special stress was laid upon the very excellent work being done by the Roadmaster at Decoto.

Pesident Jones then called attention to the fact that all of the various Chambers of Commerce in the Township except Niles were delinquent in their Associated Chambers dues. As the president said, this works a hardship upon the Associated Chambers, as the money is needed very badly.

At the meeting Mr. M. B. Sneden was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy of vice-president. This office was made vacant by the death of the late Henry Lachman and the succession to his offire by Mr. Jones. Under the head of unfinished business Supervisor Murphy was introduced and spoke briefly but in a most [illegible] est and interesting manner. Mr. Murphy assured the members that he had the interest of Washington Township at heart and was ready and willing at all times to give of his time and energy in the work of keeping the roads in as good condition as possible. He said also that he was willing to do anything else that he could for the welfare of the Township. Under the head of Good of the Chamber short talks were made by Messrs. Sneeden, Craft, Hawes, Thompson.

After quite a season of general discussion and heart to heart talk the meeting was adjourned to meet in Irvington o nthe evening of the first Wednesday in October.

Centerville

All stores in Centerville will be closed next Thursday on account of the holiday.

A big crowd expects to make the trip to San Francisco on Thursday and take in the Exposition.

The members of Washington Parlor N. S. G. W. were treated to a banquet after the meeting Tuesday night.

The feast was spread at the Gregory house and was greatly enjoyed.

Robt. Irving of Irvington has been awarded the contract to erect the new building on the burnt district and will start work at once.

The new structures will be constructed of brick and will have attractive fronts. They will also be thoroughly modern.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dusterbery and family have returned from a ten days visit to the Exposition.

Mrs. Rita Nerrell of San Jose is a visitor at the Bell home.

NOTICE.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Country Club will be held at the club house in Centerville Monday afternoon Sept. 6, at 2 o'clock.

The annual luncheon and meeting of the Country Club of Washington Township will be held in the club house at Centerville Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Special guests from neighboring towns will be in attendance and a fine program has been prepared. It is urged that all members be at the club house early as it is hoped to serve lunch at twelve o'clock sharp.

Mrs. Bunting, curator of the Wahkeenah Section, announces an impromptu meeting of that section at the close of the regular meeting.

MRS. CLARENCE MARTENSTEIN
Secretary.

Ladies Guild is Well Attended

The annual meeting of the Ladies Guild was held in the Congregational Church parlors last Wednesday afternoon. A basket lunch was enjoyed at one o'clock, followed by the business meeting at which the following officers were elected for the coming year: Pres., Mrs. C. C. Overacker; vice-pres., Mrs. W. H. Ford; home sec., Mrs. P. Oakeshott; corresponding sec., Mrs. V. F. Jones; treasurer, Mrs. Nancy; directors, Mrs. J. Clough, Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth, Mrs. Clara Snyder, Mrs. M. B. Sneden, Mrs. O. Walpert. Each of the members was called upon to contribute a dollar to the Guild fund and tell how they had earned it during vacation, which caused much merriment among the ladies. A contribution was read rfom Miss M. W. Shinn regarding her mother's illness an death, who had been president of the Guild for many years.

The attendance numbered over 30 and the work of the new year is taken up with much enthusiasm. The next meeting will follow in two weeks.

ROY CLEMENTS GOES TO UNIVERSAL CO

Roy Clements, director of the Essanay Co., who produced the famous "Snakeville" series of pictures, has accepted a position with the Universal Co. at Los Angeles and leaves today for the South. Mr. Clements' successor has not been named as yet.

Alvarado Bridge Contracts Let

Centerville Spans To Be Rushed.

Bids for the constructions of three bridges on the county road between Alvarado and Centerville were awarded by the Board of upervisors to C. A. Bruce of Pleasanton and T. B. Russell of Hayward, who were the lowest bidders in a group of four contractors who sought the contracts. Bruce will construct a bridge near Alvarado at a cost of $1450.73. The other bidders and amounts were: D. U. Toffelmeir, $1625.64; Burnham Company, $1925.25, and the Hind-Hodges Company, $1734.

T. B. Russell will construct two smaller bridges at a total cost of $2202.43. The other bidders were D. U. Toffelmeir, $2699.92; the Burnham Company, $5331.70 and Hind Hodges Company, $2967.20.

"I want it ditsinctly understood that these bridges must be completed within the thirty-day limit," said Chairman D. J. Murphy, warning the contractors, before the bids were opened. "The beet season will open in a short time and we will not stand for delay in the opening of the bridges."

The board passed a resolution calling for bids for grading the county road between Mission San Jose and Warm Springs, which is to be finished by the state highway commission. County Surveyor P. A. Haviland estimated that the cost would be $28,500, with an additional cost of about $5000 for purchasing right of way.

Alameda County must pay to the state $16,980.87, being the amount of interest due in full up to July 1, 1916, on amounts of bond money expended by the highway commission in this county up to June 15 last.

The county ordinance which shortened the deer and quail season was repealed by the supervisors, making the law as in other counties adjacent to Alameda.

Henry H. Meers, who was appointed supervising architect of the proposed new detention home at the time it was expected the cost of construction would not exceed $25,000, has been reappointed to superintend the construction upon a basis of 6 per cent for the increased cost of $75,000.

Irvington

Mrs. L. Babb is visiting friends out of town.

C. Peterson entertained visitors from Haywards for several days this week.

This week will mark the end of prune picking for this section.

As next Monday draws near the faces of the youngsters about town grow longer and longer for on that fateful day school opens.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Witherby have returned from a camping trip in the vicinity of Yosemite.

The new bowling alleys that were opened this week in connection with Bark Meyers' hotel are proving to be very popular.

Mr. W. Davies of Mission San Jose will occupy the principal's desk. Otherwise the staff of teachers remains the same as last term.

GRAND HISTORICAL PAGEANT GREAT SUCCESS

Thousands gather at Mission San Jose and Enjoy Grand Celebration Essanay People Help

The celebration at Mission San Jose last Sunday was a splendid success. The Native Sons and Native Daughters who have striven so hard to bring about the restoration of the historic old mission deserve the highest praise for their patriotic efforts, of which Sunday's celebration was the crowning success. The people of Mission San Jose who have cooperated in every way and much of the success of the last Sunday was due to the work of the Mission citizens, whose committee consisting of Manuel Telles, J. E. Rogers and Wm. Rose, worked untiringly for the ceelbration. The one source of regret expressed on every hand was the absence of the late Henry Lachman whose devotion to the Mission knew no bounds.

Thousands ef people attended the celebration. A special trainload of Native Sons and Daughters came from the neighboring cities and autos by the hundreds poured in a steady stream all day long.

After the arrival of the train load of Natives who were given a hay ride from Irvington the mass on the portico of the Mission was celebrated. A feature of the ceremony was the use of the ancient crucifix and vestments which the padres themselves had used a century ago.

Shortly before noon the Native Daughters staged their part of the celebration by dedicating the El Camino Real bell.

The literary exercises were marked by an address by former Congressman Joseph R. Knowland who has been one of the foremost promoters of the restoration of the odl Mission. Lewis F. Byington, past grand president of the Native Sons, also delivered a stinging address. A chorus of the children of St. Mary's orphanage pelased the audience greatly.

The pageant depicting the scenes of early mission days, the kindly padres engaged in their holy work among the Indians, the advent of the early American pioneers all were presented in a most realistic way. The old life was lived over again and the atmosphere in which the mission was founded and flourished seemed most natural.

Then came the big paade with the drum corps and numerous bands and the spirit of the twentieth century paid its enthusiatsic tribute to the noble work of the old mission days of a century ago and at the same time hearlded the success of the undertaking which is to revive and preserve in this county the old historic landmark.

The sports of the old Spanish days, the rodero, and the broncho busting entertained the crowd during the afternoon with all the thrill that the most enthusiastic cowboy could desire.

The restoration of the Mission is assured. Some $5000 will now be available and Secretary George L. Donovan informs us that th[illegible] for the restoration will soon be completed and the work begun.

Spring Valley Loses Again

Upon the heels of the atempt made Tuesday by the Spring Valley Water company to prevent the levying of special taxes upon the Alameda county water district and the Pleasanton township water district, comes —— announcement from Superior Judge William M. Finch of Glenn county that the formation of the Pleasanton district by the supervisors was valid. The charge that the district had been illegally formed was the principal contention of the Spring Valley Water company and Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst in their oposition to the tax levy. The formation of the other district involved the Alameda county water disboth by the superior court and by an act of the legislature.

ALLEGED ILLEGAL

Shortly after the Pleasaton district was formed in 1913 by the county board of supervisors, the Spring Valley Water company and Mrs. Hearst applied to the superior court for a writ of review, claimin gthat the supervisors had exceeded their authority in organizing the district. The case was submited on briefs by Atorney Warren Olney Jr., counsel for the petitioners, and by Deputy District Attorney Walter J. Burpee in behalf of the supervisors. The briefs were read by Judge Finch of Glenn county, who was sitting at the time on the Alameda county.

Mrs. Hearst calimed that since she had a complete water supply system on her property in the distritc, she should not be forced to join the district; while the Spring Valley Water company declared that the town of Pleasanton oshuld be exempted for the same erason. The inclusion of these properties in the water district, was alelged by the petitioners to invalidate the formation of the district.

DECISION FINAL.

Judge Finch decided that the supervisors had full jurisdiction to organize the district. He also pointed out that the only question before the court lay in the matter of this jurisdiction.

He said in the course of his decision that Mrs. Hearst was perhaps injured in being forced unwillingly into the district, but that the supervisors' judgment as to this matter was final whether right or wrong.

It is expected that an appeal will be made from Judge Finch's decision, as was done in an almost identical case when Superior Judge Burroughs decided in favor of the validity of the Alameda county water district's formation. This case, appealed by the Spring Valley Water company, is now pending in the supreme court.

Although the crop is a good one, few sales have been reported as most of the farmers are holding out for 5c flat.

Parents Meet to Honor Teachers

The reception given to the teachers of the public school by the parents last week Friday evening was well attended and proved a very pleasant gathering. Seventy five or more people were present. There was a short program of vocal and instrumental music by Miss May aBrnard, and Miss Edna Tyson. Mrs. C. B. Overacker, a member of the school board, told of the plans for a teachers and mothers club in connection with the school. A few remarks were made by Mrs. Oakshott and Miss M. W. Shinn of Niles and Miss Grace Dibble of the San Jose High School. Later in the evening after a social hour, ice cream and cake were served by the young ladies present.

FARMER HURT IN RUNAWAY

Herman Miller, farmer, 61, of Warm Springs, Alameda county, was thrown from his buggy when the team ran away Monday near Mission San Jose. His right leg was fractured. He was taken to the county hospital.

Tennessee's Pardner To Be Played At Alvarado

"Tennessee's Pardner", perhaps the most popular melodrama ever staged in America will be produced at Alvarado on Saturday evening, September 25 1915. under the auspices of Alvarado Rebekah Lodge No. 142.

"Tenuessee's Pardner" was written by Brete Harte and scored an immediate success whe nfirst dramatized. Characters will be portrayed by well known local thespians and the production will be directed by Ceo. E. Beebe.

Watch this paper for further announcements.

GUESTS AT BELVOIR FOR THE WEEK

Wm. Shuban, F. C. Ross, H. E. Katsens, D. Peyser, L. T. Harper, F. E. Wilmer, J. H. Beaman, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barton, San Leandro; Otto Burmeister, Petaluma; Joseph Hart,Chicago; Miss Ada Younger, Bowling Green, Ky.; W. S. Stewart, L. P. Griffin, W. T. Stewart, Mrs. E. Lohman, Miss Lohman, J. R. Garrison, Oakland; Mr. Rubel, Hayward; J. F. Treager, Leopold Pam, Missouri.

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TO OUR PATRONS

C. R. Evans is the new manager of the Press. He has already taken charge and we commend him to the people of the Township. Mr. Evans has had considerable experience as a county newspaper man and we feel that he will strive hard to make the paper truly representative of the needs of the township. It will probably take a week or two before he is adjusted to the new situation. Mr. Evans is authorizd to transact any busins sfor the Prss.

Owing to the demands of my other work, I am not personally able to take full charge of the Press but I hope to be able to keep in closer touch with the paper than I hav been able to do during the past year. There are many ways in which I should like to see the Press more responsiv to the needs of the township and I sincerely hope that with the co-operation of the people of the twoship is can be enabled to meet those needs.

CHRIS RUNCKEL

COMMUNITY LEAGUES

The betterment of rural life is one of the great movements of today throughout the United States At the rectn session of the National Educational Association, the question of improving rural schools was the leading one of the gathering. How to make the country school meet in a more effective way the needs of the community it seeks to serve, was the all important question of the elementary school section. The improvement of country life conditions so that there will not be such a tendency on the part of country boys and girls to seek the opportunities of which the city affords is indeed an important problem. In the organizing of local Chambers of Commerce and in the union of these into a central body, we have hoped to awaken a livlier interest in th neds of our various little towns and in the concerted effort to to build up the township as a whole. In spite of the apparent lack of interest at present in the local Chambers of Commerce they still have rason to feel rasonably well satisfied at the work they have accomplished. Were we to enumerate the many improvements that have been brought about all over the township by these local bodies it would loom surprisingly large. That the local Chambers of Commerce and the other local clubs are not meeting our local needs in the efficient manner that such needs are being met in other parts of the county is very apparent to any one who will give attention to the subject. There is a lack of general c-ooperative effort throughout the township and throughout each community that impresses us all. Now how can we meet [illegible]. We have the resources, the situation and the people to make one of the best rural communities of the entire civilized world. How can we secure the interest and co-operation of the vast majority of our citizens who never come near our local Chambers of Commerce? If our Chambers of Commerce are not prosperous it must be because they do not meet the needs of the people to the extent that they sohuld meet them.

As many of our towns do not feel equal to the task of incorporating possibly because they have such a generous county government, and as it may be some years yet before they will incorporate, perhaps it would be well to follow the plan of other sections similarly situated that are accomplishing much in the way of community betterment without the cost of incorporation. We have been searching around for a solution of our perplexing uocal situation and about the most satisfactory movement we have come across we presen to our readers this week. It of course depends upon the exten to which we enlist the intrest of **all the people.** We have plenty of isolated little groups. What we need is a movement for the entire community. We believe the Community League idea will fit into our local situation most admirably. It need not supplant the Chambers of Commerce or the Womans' Clubs or the various other organizations. It can utilize all and co-operate with all. Those who are struggling with the attempt to better local condiions wuld do well to cut out the followng which we urgently recommend for earnest consideration:

EVERY SECTION SHOULD HAVE A "COMMUNITY LEAGUE"

Your neighborhood need not wait for incorporation to become a genuine community. Salemburg and Ingold (South Carolina) have proved that. They have established "Community Leagues" that have brought all the people together to make and prosecute plans for community upbuilding, and your nighborhood can also form a "Community League" and start movement sfor making the neighborhood a better place to live in, whenever you get ready.

The "Community League" is simply a plan for bringing together all the people of a community — men an dwomen, young and old, farmers, business men, doctors, preachers, and village dwellers— to work together for the upbuilding of teh section. General mass meetings are held once every two or three months, and as much oftener as the work requires, while at all times there are committees at work on such subjects as the following:

(1) Commottee on Social Life—To encourage good roads and all forms of recreation, local fairs, baseball and other games; school and neighborhood picnics; Christmas Easter, Fourth of July and Thanksgiving celebrations; corn shuckings, quiltings debates, musicals, reading circles etc., etc.

(2- **Committee on Educational Work**—This committee to look after—

(a) Improving the school;
(b) Extension work; lectures, library development, getting books, bulletins, and papers into all homes, etc·;
(c) Boys' and Girls' industrial clubs.

(3) **Committee on Farm Production**—Soil fertility, scientific and progressve crop growing and stock raising; improved tools and machinery and co-operation in their use.

(4) **Committee on Marketing and Credits —**

(a) Marketing crops and produce;
(b) Economical buying;
(c) Rural credits and thrift.

(5) **Committee on Moral Conditions and Improvement**—To combat all agencies of dissipation or immorality, develop church and Sunday school interests and enlist these in the efforts for community development.

(6) **Committee on Health Conditions and Improvement**—To study conditions and adopt means for promoting the health of the community.

(7) **Committee on Woman's Work**—To look after home equipment; to work out plans for household management, home industries, recreation for the farm and so on.—The Progressive Farmer.

THE PLEASANTON WATER FIGHT

The fight for the water supply of the Pleasanton Water District is waxing warm. The effort of the directors of the District to levy a tax to carry on the necessary investigation is being vigorously opposed by the Spring Valley Water Company. As the company is now draining the Plesanton section to furnish San Francisco and as it has within the past few years bought up over 5000 acres of the best land in that section in order to insure its right to drain the entire valley it is but natural thatit should vigorously oppose any and all attempts to interfere with is plans.

The figh against the Spring Valley Co. is made by people who do not believe in surrendering the future of the valle yto the purposes of this corporation. So far as Alameda County' welfare is concerned ther is no question but that the opponents of the water company are right. So far as the right to levy a tax is concerned the district has obtained that right by all fair and legal means. The only plausible objection the Spring Valley can make is that the money to be raised for its own properties by taxation is that it is to be used to fight its own schemes of devastation. This on the face does sem rather rough but when the future productiveness of the whole valley is taken into consideration, when the underground methods by which it gradually secured control of its present supply are recalled, and when the absolute shamefulness of the men who for pay are willing to deliver over this most fertile and promising valley to this corporation are considered, then the effort to tax the land which the company has acquired seems perfectly proper. The whole fight simmers down to one between the future prosperity of Pleasanton on the one side and the money bags of the corporation on the other.

The criticism of the way the money has been spent is insincere. It would be made no matter how it was spent. The cry of "nothing to show for it" is absolutely so. The fact is that the plans of the robber concern makes it absolutely necessary that their attempts be fought by carefully collected evidence. It is a great wrong to the people of the district that it must be obliged to spend this money but there is no other way outofit except abject surrender to the corporation.

It is a matter of regret that Mrs. Phoebe Hearst should be made an ally of the Spring Valley Water Co. i nthis fight. It is true that the Spring Valley Co. has arranged to supply her Pleasanton estate with wtaer. It has not, however, arranged to restore the public damage its plans will entail upon the whole Pleasanton section. In this fight Mrs. Hearst whom we all admire for her many generous gifts and splendid philanthropic enterprises, has been made an ally of one of the most unscrupulous and destructive corporations that has ever afflicted the entire Bay region. It is a pity that such an estimable woman has been drawn into the fight by the Spring Valley Co. to lend respectability to thir efforts to capture the Pleasanton secton's most valuable resource. But even Mrs. Hearst must be opposed when on the wrong side.

There is no question about the inspiration and source of the opposition of the tax in the Pleasanton Water Distrcit. It is Spring Valley pure and simple. It is engineered by its paid employes, legal, official and otherwise. The duty of the Supervisors seems very plain in the matter.

READ THE PETITION

We are publishing in this issue a copy of a petition calling the attention of the Board of Supervisors to the danger that menaces our people by the building of the big Calveras dam. We commend it to the careful attention of our people. Read it over. Think about it and when it is presented to you sign it.

PETITION

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Alameda County.

We, the undersigned residents of Alameda Copnty, and more particularly of the region in and around Uiles Canyon, and of the lowlands between the mouth thereof and the easterly shore of San Francisco Bay, believing that a situation exists that demands immediate action by your Board, beg to call to your attention the dangerous condition that we believe confronts our community through the attempt nw being made by the Spring Valley Water Company to build a dam in the Calveras Valley in this County.

It is a matter of common report and knowledge that said dam does not rest on a bed-rock foundation, and that the construction of any type of dam at that place has been condemned as unsafe by many engineers. With the memory of the catastrophes that have befallen other communities in recent years, through the impounding of large bodies of water behind dame of faulty construction or unsafe location, and with even expert opinion divided as to the safety of said Calveras dam, and in view of the evident intenton of the Spring Valley Water Company to test its alleged belief in the safety of its project by imperiling the lives and property of the members of our community, and since there could be no adequate compensation for the loss of lives and property that would undoubtedly result should the dam fail and let loose a disastrious flood down the valley, we, therefore, protest against the testing at our risk of this hazardous experiment by said Company.

As proof that our fear is not gorundless, it is well known that during the high water of last winter it became necessary, in order to prevent the carrying away of the entire dam, to blast away a considerable part of the concrete storm-water culvert which was supposed to carry off the excess flood waters. As measures of this nature are not ordinarily taken, except as a last resort, and as this was clearly made necessary through a failure to provide against the ordinary risks of such a project, and as, through an error in the construction of a detail of the dam, a disaster has already been narrowly averted, we believe that we have good ground for serious distrust of the structure as a whole, and of the engineering methods and date under which it is being constructed.

Therefore, feeling that the remedying of the conditions complained of is a matter of urgent necessity to safeguard both the lives and property of those living in this community we earnestly urge your honorable Board to take such immediate action as mey be necesasry to compel the imediate and permanent cessation of any attempts to impound water in the said Calveras Valley. And, moreover, that you also take such further action as may be necessary to compel the immediate removal and dismantling of any and all works that may have been already constructed, nd which may in any way obstruct the natural flow of Calvras Creek, to the end that no dangerous volume of water be again allowed to accumulate, either during the approaching winter or at any time in the future.

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ARRIVES FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

No. 210—For Tracey, Stockton and Sacramento.....2:36 a. m
No. 500—For Centerville, Newark and San Jose .....4:45 a. m.
No. 90—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington .....8:15 a. m.
No. 82—For Pleasanton and Livermore and Tracey .....8:40 a. m.
No. 32—For Pleasanton, Livermore and Tracey .....10:25 a. m.
No. 504—For Centerville, Newark and San Jose .....2:36 p. m.
No. 90—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington.....2:43 p. m.
No. 38—For Pleasanton, Livermore, Tracey and Stockton.....5:15 p. m.
No. 96—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington.....6:05 p. m.
No. 80—For Tracey and Stockton .....6:12 p. m.
No. 182—For Tracey .....6:49 p. m.
No. 98—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington .....7:58 p. m.
No. 184—For Stockton (Sundayonly) .....9:09 p. m

ARRIVES IN NILES FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

No. 89—San Francisco and Way Stations .....5:45 a. m.
No. 93—San Francisco and Way Stations .....6:58 a. m.
No. 91—San Francisco and Way Stations .....7:48 a. m.
No. 79—For San Francisco. Stops at First and Broadway only....8:51 a. m.
No. 181—Decoto, Hayward, San Leandro, Oakland, San Francisco.1:30 p. m.
No. 31—San Francisco and Way Stations.....2:50 p. m.
No. 97—San Francisco and Way Stations.....4:23 p. m.
No. 37—Fruitvale, Aakland and San Francisco.....6:15 p. m.
No. 51—Fruitvale, Oakland and San Francisco .....8:49 p. m.
No. 189—From San Jose to Niles.....6:05 p. m.
No. 190—From Niles to Livermore .....6:17 p. m.
No. 513—From Niles to Centerville and Newark.....6:52 a. m.
No. 503—From Niles to Redwood, via Dumbarton.....1:40 p. m.

BASE BALL

By EDWARD W. FRIES, Sporting Editor

ESSANAY INDIANS TO PLAY IN SEBASTAPOL NEXT SUNDAY.

The Niles Essanay Indians will go to Sebatsapol next Sunday to battle the big league club of that city. This will be the 3rd games Niles has played across the bay, the other two contests being played with Petaluma and San Rafael. While Niles suffered the short end of the score in both these games, still it must be said that the Esanay boys put up a wonderful showing against their more experienced rivals. It is said by all who know that Sebastapol has the strongest club in amateur circles ever gotten together around the bay cities.

Niles has been in communication with Tyler Christian with regard to his occupying the pitcher's box for this contest, but Tyler is going to Sacramento instead. Dolan or Sheehan will pitch. All the Indians are requested to be at the S. P. station at Niles by 5:45 a. m. Sunday or at the S. P. ferry dock at 8 a. m. Boat leaves Frisco at 8:15.

The lineup is as follows:

Wolfrom c; Dolan p; Robinson 1b; Burroughs 2b; Esola ss; Breslauer 3b; Sheehan lf; Fries cf; Wales rf; Perry.

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Murray Township (Livermore) Monday, Sept. 13.
Pleasanton, Thursday, Sept. 16.
Irvington, Tuesday, Sept. 21.
Centerville, Friday, Sept. 24.
Newark, Monday, Sept. 27.
Niles, Wednesday, Sept. 28.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda.

In the matter of the estate of JOAQUIN R. MARTIN, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of the above named deceased to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the sai ddeceased, also claims for funeral expenses and expenses of last illness of said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the law office of Jno. G. Matos Jr., at Centerville, Alameda county, California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Joaquin R. Martin, deceased.

JOAQUIN R. MARTIN, Jr.,
Administrator of the Estate of Joaquin R. Martin, Deceased.

Dated September 1, 1915.

Jno. G. Mattos, Jr.,
Attorney for Administrator, Centerville, Cal.

First publication, September 4, 1915.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Tyson, Deceased

ELIZABETH B. TYSON, administratrix of the Estate of Joseph Tyson, deceased, having this day presented and filed a verified petition praying for an order authorizing her to mortgage the real estate belonging to decedent, hereinafter described to pay debts and charges of administration:

It is therefore ordered that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, appear before said Superior Court on Friday, the 24th day of September, 1915, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Court House in the City of Oakland, Alameda County, California, and thereto show cause why the real estate belonging to said deceased, situated in the Township of Washington, Alameda County, California, and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a point in the center of the public road leading from Niles to Mission San Jose, the same point being the Easterly corner of land of Jere Donovan, thence S. 54¾ degrees Westerly Thirteen 25¼-100 chains to the Southerly corner of said Donovan's land; thence S. 42½ degrees Easterly along Tyson's line Seven 79-100 chains to a stake; thence Northerly 54¾ degrees Easterly to a point in the center of said before-mentioned public road from which the point of beginning is distant Seven and 79-100 chains; thence northerly 42.35 degrees westerly Seven and 79-100 chains to the point of beginning. Containing Ten and 95-100 acres more or less, or some part thereof.

Excepting the portions heretofore sold, amounting to about 5½ acres, and leaving a balance of 4½ acres, of land more or less, as more particularly appears in the petition for leave to mortgage on file herein to which reference is hereby made.

Should not be mortgaged for the amount mentioned in the petition, to-wit: The sum of $4537.90 or such lesser amount as to the Court shall seem meet.

Reference is hereby made to the petition on file herein, for further particulars.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published for four successive weeks, in the "Washington Press," a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the Town of Niles, Alameda County, California.

Dated: August 13, 1915.

W. J. WELLS,
Judge of the Superior Court.

CERTIFICATE OF FICTITIOUS P ARTNERSHIP NAME.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we the undersigned,

NOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we the undersigned, do hereby certify that we are transacting business in the State of California, to wit; a Partnership, under a fictitious name or designation, which does not show the names of the persons interested as such partners in such business;

That said business is being transacted in the Town of Irvington, County of Alameda, State of California, under the firm name and style of Leal & Co., and the particular place where said business is being transacted is situated on the North Side of Mission Street, and about 200 feet east of the intersection thereof, with the Easterly line of the Oakland and San Jose County Road, in said Town of Irvington, County of Alameda, State of of California;

That the names in full of all members of said partnership are as follows, Frank A. Leal, whose residence is Irvington, Alameda County ,California; Joseph H. Leal, whose residence is Irvington, Alameda County, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF We have hereunto set our hands and Seals this 18 day of August 1915.

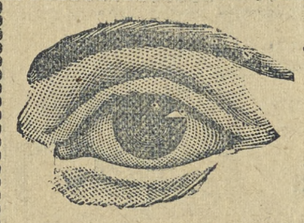
(SEAL) FRANK A. LEAL,
(SEAL) JOSEPH H. LEAL.

State of California } ss.
County of Alameda }

On this 18th day of August in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen, before me Thos. J. Power, a Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Frank A. Leal and Joseph H. Leal, known to me to be the persons described in and whose names are subscribed to the within instruument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year in this certificate first above writted.

(SEAL) THOS. J. POWER,
Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California.



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ALAMEDA LODGE, F. & A. M. Stated meetings at Masonic Temple, Centerville, for 1915: January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18.

E. M. GRIMMER, W. M.
A. T. BIDDLE, Secretary.

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Plans and specifications on file in the office of the County Clerk open for inspection.

Each bid must be accompanied by a check for at least ten per cent. of the amount of the bid or proposal, certified to by some responsible bank, and made payable to Geo. E. Gross, Clerk of the Board, to be forfeited to the County of Alameda as agreed and liquidated damages should the party or parties to whom the contract shall be awarded fail to enter into the contract after the award or to give the bond required by the Board for the faithful performance of the contract.

(SEAL) GEO. E. GROSS,
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A young man, evidently only about 18 years of age and a stranger here, met with a painful accident Tuesday as a result of examining a loaded revolver. He sustained a bullet wound in his left hand and after having the wound dressed by Dr. Hanley was taken to the County Infirmary for further treatment.

We understand that Dr. J. C. Hamley will soon begin the erection of a cottage near the John Cardino place.

John Muniz, who has been a resident of Decoto for a number of years, passed away suddenly last Sunday. He was 58 years of age and is survived by a wife and several sons and daughters. The funeral was held Tuesday with interment in the Cathloic cemetery at Centerville.

Mrs. J. L. Olson was a visitor in the city Tuesday.

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NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION

For Addition of a Certain Portion of Alameda County to the Alameda County Water District.

Notice is hereby given that a petition for the addition of a certain portion of Alameda County to the AlamedaCounty Water District, situate in Alameda County, State of California, has been signed by the necessary number of registered voters within said portion of Alameda County proposed to be added to said Water District, and that said petition will be presented to the Board of Directors of said Water District at the regular meeting of said Board, on Saturday, the 25th day of September, 1915, at the regular place of meeting of said Board in Stevenson's Hall, Centerville, said county, at three o'clock P. M. of said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and that at said time and place, said petition will be considered, and all persons interested therein may then appear and be heard.

The number of signers of said petition is 51, and the text of said petition, with the names of five of the persons signing the same, is as follows:

PETITION

For the Addition of a Certain Portion of Alameda County to the Alameda County Water District.

To the Honorable the Board of Directors of the Alameda County Water District, State of California:

The undersigned, all of whom are qualified electors of the County of Alameda, State of California, residing within the boundaries of that portion of Alameda County proposed to be added to the Alameda County Water District as hereinafter described, do hereby represent to and petition your Honorable Board as follows, to-wit:

That your petitioners desire the addition to the said Alameda County Water District of all that portion of said County, situate, lying and being within the following described boundaries, which are the proposed boundaries of the portion of said county proposed to be added to said District, to-wit:

Commencing at a point on the Westerly line of the Right of Way of the Central Pacific Railway's main line leading from Niles to Hayward, in Alameda County, California, where said Westerly line is intersected by the center line of County Road Survey No. 556, as said center line of said Survey No. 556 is shown in the notes of said Survey and filed in the County Surveyor's Office of Alameda County, California, at page 329 of Volume No. 2 of Survey Records; said center line of said Survey No. 556 being also a Northern boundary of the Alameda County Water District as said District is described in an Order of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, and entered in said Board of Supervisors' Minutes on the 25th day of November, 1913; thence running from said point of commencement North 42 degrees 11 minutes West, and along the Westerly boundary of the Right of Way of the Central Pacific Railway hereinbefore mentioned, (as said boundary is described in those certain next herein referred to instruments, viz. F. William Meyer to Western Pacific Railroad Company, dated July 16th, 1869, and recorded July 17th, 1869, in Book 41 of Deeds at page 414; George Emerson to Western Pacific Railroad Company, dated July 3rd, 1869, and recorded July 17th, 1869, in Book 41 of Deeds at page 410; Christopher Griswold to Western Pacific Railroad Company, dated August 2nd, 1869, and recorded October 12th, 1869, in Book 49 of Deeds, at page 132; Andrew Patterson to Western Pacific Railroad Company, dated June 30th, 1869, and recorded July 17th, 1869, in Book 41 of Deeds, at page 411; Cornelius Mohr to Western Pacific Railroad Company, dated July 2nd, 1869, and recorded July 17th, 1869, in Book 41 of Deeds, at page 407; Andrew Himmelmann to Western Pacific Railroad Company, dated December 2nd, 1870, and recorded May 25th, 1914, in Book 2247 of Deeds, at page 347; the six deeds last above referred to and the records thereof are all severally and singly parts of the records of the Office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, State of California;) to a point in the Easterly line of County Road Survey No. 314, as said Survey is shown in the notes on file in the office of the County Surveyor of Alameda County, California, in Volume No. 2 of Survey Records, at page 75; thence following the Easterly line of said Survey No. 314, South 44 3-40 West 53.20 chains more or less, to the point of intersection of said line with a boundary line of that certain parcel of land containing 384.93 acres as said parcel of land is described in that certain indenture made November 22nd, 1871, between Henry C. Hyde and Herman Hadeler assignees in bankruptcy of Henry D. Ellerhorst and A. C. Teitman voluntary bankrupts, parties of the first part, and Andrew Himmelmann, party of thesecond part, and recorded May 15th, 1872, in Book of Deeds No. 78, at page 446, Alameda County Records; said boundary line of said parcel of land being that described in said indenture as the Southerly line of the lands of Kompf and of Gay; thence along said last mentioned line South 83 degrees 55 minutes West, 39.80 chains to the Southwest corner of the lands of Kompf as said corner is described in said indenture, said corner is described inshretaoinshrde corner being also the Southeast corner of the land of Hess; thence along the South line of the land of Hess, North 88 degrees 20 minutes West, 8.50 chains to the Northeasterly corner of a certain parcel of land containing 381.54 acres as said parcel of land is described in that certain indenture last hereinabove referred to; thence along the Northerly boundary of said last mentioned parcel of land, North 88 degrees 20 minutes West, 46.58 chains to the Northwesterly corner thereof and a point on the Easterly line of Hiffner; thence along the Easterly line of Hiffner as described in said indenture, South 0 degrees 30 minutes East 4.76 chains to the point of intersection of said line with the boundary line of the Rancho Arroyo de la Alameda, as said boundary line of said Rancho is shown on that certain plat entitled "Plat of the Rancho Arroyo de la Alameda finally confirmed to Jose de Jesus Vallejo", etc., and recorded May 5th, 1858, in Book A of Patents, at page 70, Alameda County Records; said point of intersection is on survey line numbered 116 of said Rancho and is distant 3.25 chains from the point of intersection of the survey lines numbered 115 and 116 of said Rancho, as said lines are shown on the plat last herein referred to; thence along the boundary of said Rancho Arroyo de la Alameda as said boundary is shown on the plat of said Rancho last herein referred to, North 77 degrees West, 21.75 chains, West 59.00 chains, North 69 1-4 degrees West 85.00 chains, North 85 1-4 degrees West 27.00 chains South 67 1-2 degrees West, 23.50 chains, North 75 1-4 degrees West 5.00 chains, North 10 1-4 degrees East 46.50 chains, North 64 1-4 egrees West 35.00 chains, North 4 3-4 degrees West 35.00 chains, North 4 3-4 No. 3 J. V. of the survey of said Rancho, said Station No. 3. J. V. being also the Southwesterly corner of the De Soto Rancho as the survey of said Rancho is shown on that certain plat entitled "Plat of the Southern Portion of the De Soto Rancho as subdivided by W. F. Boardman, J. A. Mayhew, and R. S. Farrelly, commissioners appointed by the Judge of the Court of the Third Judicial District of the County of Alameda, to partition the same.", and recorded October 27th, 1866, in Liber X of Deeds, at page 11, Alameda County Records; thence following the Westerly boundary of said last mentioned Rancho, North 41 degrees and 20 minutes West 28.81 chains, North 32 degrees 20 minutes West to the intersection with a Southerly boundary of Swamp and Overflowed Land Survey No. 236, of Alameda County, California; thence West along a boundary of said Swamp and Overflowed Land Survey No. 236, 19.40 chains to a corner of Swamp and Overflowed Land Survey No. 210, of Alameda County, California; thence following the boundaries of said Survey No. 210, North 20.00 chains, West 32.50 chains to the Northwest corner of said Survey No. 210; thence continuing along the boundaries of said Survey No. 210; South 12 degrees East 20.45 chains, South 25 degrees West, 11.45 chains, South 31 3-4 degrees East 14.00 chains to the Southwesterly corner of said Survey No. 210 and the Northwesterly corner of Swamp and Overflowed Land Survey No. 295, of Alameda County, California; thence along the Westerly boundary of said Survey No. 295, South 1 degree West 60.00 chains to the Northwesterly corner of Salt Marsh and Tide Lands Survey No. 68, of Alameda County, California; thence along the Westerly boundary of said Survey No. 68, South 16 1-2 degrees East 20.00 chains to the Northwesterly corner of Swamp and Overflowed Lands Survey No. 245, of Alameda County, California; thence along the Westerly boundary of said Survey No. 245, South 10 1-4 degrees East 40,80 chains to the Northwesterly corner of Swamp and Overflowed Lands Survey No. 243, of Alameda County, California, thence along the Westerly boundary of said Survey No. 243, South 10 3-4 degrees East 28.06 chains to the Northwesterly corner of Swamp and Overflowed Lands Survey No. 244, of Alameda County, California; thence along the westerly boundary of said Survey No. 244 South 10 3-4 degrees East 8.25 chains, South 23 degrees East 20.10 chains, South 32 degrees East 13.00 chains, South 74 degrees East 8.20 chains, to a point on the Northerly boundary of Tide Lands Survey No. 101 of Alameda County, California; thence along the boundaries of said Survey No. 101, West 34.00 chains to the Northwesterly corner thereof; thence South 40.00 chains to the Southwesterly corner thereof; thence East to a point on the Southerly boundary of said Survey No. 101 which is due North from the most Westerly corner of the Alameda County Water District herein first referred to; thence due South to the most Westerly corner of said Alameda County Water District; thence along the Northerly boundary of said Alameda County Water District to the most Westerly corner of Lot No. 4 of the Baker Tract, as said Lot No. 4 is delineated and so designated upon that certain map entitled "Map of the Baker Tract near Alvarado, Alameda County, California" and filed in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, May 24th, 1875, in Map Book No. 17 at page 66; thence in a Northwesterly direction and following the boundaries of the said Alameda County Water District to the center line of County Road Survey No. 556 hereinbefore mentioned; thence along the center line of said Survey No. 556 and continuing along the boundaries of the said Alameda County Water District, Southeasterly, Northeasterly, and Easterly, to the point of commencement.

That all of the undersigned subscribers to this petition are qualified electors of the County of Alameda, State of California, duly registered as such within the boundaries hereinbefore set forth.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that said portion of said County be added to said District with the above described boundaries, in conformity with that certain Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and organization and management of county water districts, and to provide for the acquisition of water rights or construction thereby of water-works, and for the acquisition of all property necessary therefor, and also to provide for the distribution and sale of water by said districts," approved June 10, 1913, and designated as Chapter 592 of the Chaptered Laws of 1913, and acts amendatory thereof, and that all proceedings necessary for the purpose of adding said territory to said District be had and taken by your Board in conformity with said act.

Names.	Voting Precinct.
1. D. F. Wiegman	Alvadado
2. August May	Alvarado
3. A. A. Lee	Alvarado
4. J. M. Scribner	Alvarado
5. H. Greenhalgh	Alvarado

This notice is given by the persons signing said petition, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of June 10th, 1913 (Chapter 592 of the Laws of 1913), and is signed by five of such petitioners, on their own behalf and on behalf of the other petitioners.

Dated: July 19, 1915.

D. F. WIEGMAN.
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